THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The State Electricity Boards have been advised to draw up "Action Plans" to improve their operations and financial performance with a view to achieve the prescribed 3 per cent surplus as per requirements contained in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(c) No, Sir.

Manufacture of Polyester filament yarn by M/s. Reliance Industries Limited

1530. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original date of Reliance Industries Limited for manufacture of polyester filament yarn and what were subsequent amendments;

(b) what was the licensed capacities for production originally given to Reliance Industry and what was the enhancement under the endorsement scheme;

(c) what are the details regarding the change of the location, production capacity and the base denierage for which Reliance have asked in their amended industrial licence application; and

(d) what is RIL's production of Polyester Filament Yarn during the last three years till 31st March, 1987 together with the approved licensed capacities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) On 17th August, 1981 M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. were issued an industrial licence for manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a capacity of 10,000 tonnes/annum. Under the re-endorsement scheme the capacity was enhanced to 25,125 tonnes/annum on 15th November, 1984.

(c) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. initially applied for location in Gujarat. Subsequently they applied for location at Maharashtra. The base denierage for which amended application was made is 40.

(d) The production of Polyester Filament Yarn during the last three years as reported by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. was as follows:

	Tonnes (Approx.)
1984-85	20,400
1985-86	24,200
1986-87	30,400

Compensation to the Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims

1531. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dependents of the deceased in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy have not been paid the compensation as yet; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have filed a suit against Union Carbide Corporation claiming compensation for the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy. The proceedings of the case are in progress and the case is being pursued vigorously.

Taking site on lease by Indian Oil Corporation

1532. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporaion has taken a site on lease near Railway Station, Bidar (Karnataka) and the same has been subleased to one Indian

Oil dealer in Bidar; if so, since how many years he is in possession of this site;

(b) what are the details of the rent fixed per month for payment of the rent and since how many years, the rent has not been paid;

(c) what action has been taken to recover the amount from the dealer;

(d) whether any eviction proceedings have been started against the dealer; and

(e) if so, when did the proceedings start and what is the present stage of the proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Since the 21st March, 1964 till the 24th November, 1980, 2585 sq. ft. of land and since then 5500 sq. ft. of land has been in the possession of the dealer of IOC in Bidar.

(b) The rent fixed by the Railways for the land was Rs. 1103/- from the 21st March, 1964 and was Rs. 10219/- from the 1st January, 1982. The rent to the Railways has been paid upto the 31st December, 1985 by IOC.

(c) to (e) Eviction proceedings were initiated in September, 1986 by IOC against the dealer as well as for recovery of the arrears of rent, through the Estate Officer.

New techniques for drilling in West Bengal

1533. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new technique for oil in off-shore drilling in West Bengal is proposed to be used; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Normal drilling practices based on the latest technologies are being followed to drill the offshore wells off the coast of West Bengal.

Mass deputation of executives of Oil India Limited

1534. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 117 executives of the Oil India Limited have recently applied for deputation to another public sector oil company;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for such a mass of applications for transfer; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 170 executives of Oil India Limited have applied for deputation to another public sector oil company.

(b) The main reasons may be a desire for a change in location, bettering career prospects and other personal reasons.

(c) A representation of the Govt. of India held discussions with the representatives of State Govt., OIL and AASU on the 8th and 31st January, 1987 at Dispur regarding the agitation by AASU. Further the Management of OIL has also initiated discussions with the State Govt. officials and students' representatives. Govt. of India have also written to the Govt. of Assam in the matter.